Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Ray Forkel knows the great worth and beauty of music in our everyday lives; and,

Whereas, Ray has been a music man all his life, and after over a half century of performing at weddings, dances and concerts, he no doubt attributes some of his success in life to the soothing influence of song; and,

Whereas, Throughout the years, Ray has given so much of himself to the Dakota area, and it seems only right that this maker of melodies be rewarded and recognized for his fine achievement in the arts; and,

Whereas, For many years, Ray has shared his achievements in the field of music that give comfort, solace and joy to all that hear him play, and it is impossible to estimate how many lives he has touched by sharing with us his special gift; therefore, it is for this reason Ray deserves our special praise and attention; and,

Whereas, Ray Forkel has been chosen by the Dakota Musician's Association to be inducted into the Dakota Musician's Hall of Fame:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 17, 2007, as

RAY FORKEL DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State